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SECNAV NOTICE 1520

From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: OLMSTED SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1520.24B (NOTAL)
(b) MCO 1500.41A (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Sample Notification Letter For Prior Nominees
(2) Brief Sheet Olmsted Scholar Program (Utilize as appropriate, then destroy)

1. Purpose. To invite nominations from Navy and Marine Corps officers in year groups 1989 through 1996 for the Olmsted Scholarship Program.

2. Background. The Olmsted Scholar Program was established by the George and Carol Olmsted Foundation in cooperation with the Department of Defense and military departments. It provides for 2 years of graduate education in foreign universities (using foreign languages) for selected regular commissioned Navy line officers and unrestricted Marine Corps officers on active duty. Three officers from the Naval Service are admitted to the program each year: Two Academy graduates and one from other commissioning sources. Qualifications include evidence of superior scholastic ability (graduation with honors); language aptitude; superior military leadership performance, including integrity, imagination, and initiative; and general adaptability. Officers who have already participated in full-time Navy- or Marine Corps-sponsored graduate education are not eligible (this does not include use of Voluntary Education tuition assistance program). Nominees who would be available to commence this education in 2000 will be considered by a Navy-Marine Corps Selection Committee in November 1999. Selectees will be presented to the Olmsted Foundation in April 2000. The Foundation will name three selectees from among the principals and alternates recommended by the Navy-Marine Corps Selection Committee. Selectees will receive intensive instruction in a foreign language in the first half of CY 2000 and will attend overseas universities in academic years 01-02 and 02-03, under the provisions of references (a) and (b).

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3. Information. Each year, Superintendent, United States Naval Academy and the Commanding Officers of Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps Units nominate prospective graduates for the program. Officers must have a minimum of 3 years of active duty and may have commenced, but not completed their 11th year of active duty.

a. Navy-Marine Corps Selection Committee without further nomination will consider officers in year groups 1989 through 1996, who were nominated at graduation, if available for orders. However, all officers previously nominated from any source must submit written notification (enclosure (1)) to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-604C) expressing their desire to participate under this SECNAV Notice.

b. Once nominated from any source, an officer, if he/she desires and is available, is eligible for reconsideration by Navy-Marine Corps Selection Committee through the 11th year of commissioned service.

4. Action

a. Commanding officers will consider eligible regular commissioned Navy line officers and unrestricted Marine Corps officers in year groups 1989 through 1996 from all commissioning sources. They should then nominate those officers not previously nominated who meet the qualifications in paragraph 2.

b. The Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) test must be administered to all nominees and test results forwarded in the nomination letter. Commanding officers of nominees may obtain the DLAB test from Commanding Officer, Naval Education and Training Professional Development (Code 321), Pensacola, Florida 32509-5126. Marine Corps nominees may obtain the DLAB test by contacting their local base education office. Marine Corps nominees on independent duty may obtain information on the DLAB test by contacting the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA-3), at (703) 784-9284/DSN 278.

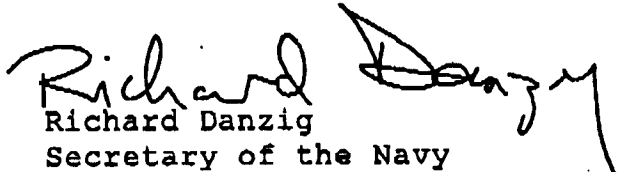
c. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must be taken by all candidates before they are presented to the Olmsted

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Foundation. Navy and Marine Corps nominees may obtain information on the GRE from their local base education offices.

d. Nomination letters for Navy officers must reach Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-604C), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-6000, by 30 September 1999. Nomination letters for Marine Corps officers must be submitted to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code MMOA-3) by 30 September 1999. The following information is required: rank, name, work/home address, phone number, e-mail address (if available), social security number, designator or MOS, commissioning source, year group, and foreign language background (if any), one-page essay written by the officer explaining why he/she wants to be an Olmsted Scholar, and DLAB and GRE test results. Prior nominees must submit a letter (enclosure (1)) acknowledging a desire for selection board consideration by 30 September 1999. Nominees who are selected as candidates by the Navy-Marine Corps Selection Committee will be notified in December 1999.

5. Report. The nomination letters contained in paragraph 4 are exempt from reports control by SECNAVINST 5214.2B.


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Secretary of the Navy

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SAMPLE NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR PRIOR NOMINEES

From: Rank, Name, SSN, Designator
To: Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-604C),
5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-6040

Subj: OLMSTED SCHOLAR PROGRAM SELECTION BOARD

1. I am interested in the Olmsted Scholarship Program and would like to compete in the 2001 Olmsted Scholar Program. Request my records be submitted for review to the Navy-Marine Corps Selection Board Committee.

2. The following information is provided:

- a. Current military mailing address and e-mail address
- b. Telephone number
- c. Current essay (optional)
- d. New DLAB score (optional)
- e. Latest fitrep (optional).

Applicant's Signature

Enclosure (1)



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BRIEF SHEET
OLMSTED SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation established the Olmsted Scholar Program in cooperation with the Department of Defense and military departments. This scholarship provides for two years of graduate education in foreign universities for selected regular commissioned Navy line officers and unrestricted Marine Corps officers on active duty.

All commands are invited to nominate officers of year groups 1989 through 1996 by following the SECNAV Notice.

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Enclosure (2)